

The LECs operate should be required to allow other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them. Without such a requirement cable companies essentially have a monopoly, which is not good for current customers nor for innovation. Other forms of broadband, such as DSL, are not sufficient competition both because coverage areas can be different and because differing costs and technical specifications fullfill different needs. We must have vendors capable of offering the same sorts of product to the same group of people in competition. Lack of this competition is in the interest of no one but the cable companies.